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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I strongly support a level playing field and competition in the the broadband provider market. In rural areas there are often only 1 or 2 viable providers and without healthy competition in these markets the consumer will invariably be the loser with higher prices and lackluster service. A diversity of providers is good for consumers and the ecosystem at large and I urge you to take action to prevent further erosion of competition in this domain.

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